

### Practitioner's Docket No. RPS920000117US1

PATENT

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#### **NEW APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL**

Transmitted herewith for filing is the patent application of

Inventor(s): William Joseph Piazza

For (title): METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR IDENTIFYING COMPATIBILITY BETWEEN

FIRMWARE IMAGES

### 1. Type of Application

This transmittal is for an original (nonprovisional) application.

### CERTIFICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. SECTIONS 1.8(a) AND 1.10\*

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### 2. Papers Enclosed

A. Required for filing date under 37 C.F.R. 1.53(b) (Regular) or 37 C.F.R. 1.153 (Design) Application

20 Page(s) of Specification 12 Page(s) of Claims 4 Sheet(s) of Drawing(s)-informal

#### B. Other Papers Enclosed

3 Page(s) of declaration and power of attorney

1 Page(s) of abstract

#### 3. Assignment

An assignment of the invention to **International Business Machines Corporation**; **Armonk, NY** is attached. A separate "COVER SHEET FOR ASSIGNMENT (DOCUMENT) ACCOMPANYING NEW PATENT APPLICATION" is also attached.

### 4. Fee Calculation (37 C.F.R. Section 1.16)

Regular Application

#### **CLAIMS AS FILED**

Claims	Number Filed	Basic Fee Allowance	Numbe r Extra	Rate	Basic Fee 37 CFR 1.16(a) \$710.00
Total Claims	52	20	32	\$18.00	\$576.00
Independent Claims	6	3	3	\$80.00	\$240.00
Multiple Dependent Claims					\$0.00
Filing Fee Calculation					\$1,526.00

### 5. Fee Payment Being Made at This Time

**Enclosed** 

Filing Fee

\$1,526.00

\$40.00

Recording assignment (\$40; 37 C.F.R. Section 1.21(h)) (See attached "COVER SHEET FOR ASSIGNMENT ACCOMPANYING NEW APPLICATION".)

**Total Fees Enclosed** 

\$1,566.00

## 6. Method of Payment of Fees

Charge Account No. **50-0563** in the amount of \$1,566.00. A duplicate of this transmittal is attached.

# 7. Authorization to Charge Additional Fees

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